

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

This is a very important issue for me. The primary concern of the FEC should be the public interest, not corporate interests. These are NOT always the same. Diversity in media is essential for a strong democracy. Diversity of opinion in all forms of media is vital for feeding the creativity needed to solve our national problems as well as compete globally. Media consolidation in print, TV, and radio in the past 10 or 20 years should be alarming to any US citizen who cares about democracy and social and economic vitality. Further consolidation and monopolization of what media diversity we have left will destroy the spirit and creativity that made this country great and the envy of the world. Local ownership needs to be supported, increased, and protected. Any attempts to control the internet should be thrown out the door.

Sincerely,
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